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Eric VII of Denmark  
and ERIC XIII of Sweden  
abdicated both thrones.  
He was virtually deposed.

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(1390-1448) JOHN VII, PALAEOLOGUS

Son & Successor of Manuel II.

Byzantine emperor (1425-1448). Being hard pressed by the Turks, he induced the pope to assist him against them on promise of a union of Greek & Western Churches. He attended the Council of Florence in 1439, where the union was brought about. The Greeks refused to sanction the union, yet the West sent

assistance against the Turks, which was  
not effective. John was succeeded by his  
brother Constantine XI.

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Expulsion of Jews from  
Augsburg

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(1382-1459) ERIC OF POMERANIA

King of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.  
On the death of MARGARET, Eric's utter  
disregard for treaties, oaths, and promises  
led to dissension among his subjects.

In 1438 the Danes renounced their  
allegiance and chose Christopher of Bavaria  
as their king. In 1439 Sweden withdrew  
and Scandinavia was a scene of  
rebellion and bloodshed for many

years. Eric fled to GOTLAND and for 10 yrs  
was a pirate. He had married  
Philippa, daughter of Henry IV  
of England and treated her cruelly.

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*Italy*  
Venice, the three terrible  
state inquisitors, since 1439.

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The Swedes renounced allegiance  
to Erik the King.



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Flight of  
Erik to Gotthland

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CHRISTOPHER of Bavaria was  
elected by the Danes.

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Printing Press invented  
by German printer JOHANNES  
GUTENBERG (1396 - 1468)